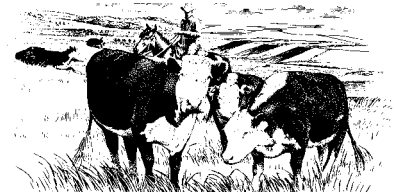


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 480 thousand head on May 1, 2002, down 1 percent from last month, but 10 percent above May 2001. During April, placements of 59.0 thousand head were down 2 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 61.0 thousand head were 22 percent above April of 2001. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

700-799 pounds were 512 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 476, thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 83.0 thousand during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001, but slightly above May 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 210 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 255 thousand,

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.39 million on May 1, 2002, down 2 percent from the previous year and down slightly from May 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.24 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Marketings during April totaled 1.71 million, 11 percent above 2001 and 7 percent above 2000. Other disappearance during April was 71.0 thousand head, 4 percent below 2001, but unchanged from 2000.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

EXAMPLE AND EXCEPT: NUMBER ON FEED IN APRIL OF ARIZONA FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN CROPPED STATES

State	Number On Feed April 1 ^{1/}			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	309	314	102	27	26	25	34
California	435	485	111	60	59	50	61
Colorado	1,190	1,120	94	160	165	170	190
Iowa	385	395	103	37	40	41	49
Kansas	2,460	2,420	98	350	320	395	445
Nebraska	2,350	2,300	98	250	260	345	380
Texas	2,730	2,900	106	440	365	520	550
Seven-State Total	9,859	9,934	101	1,324	1,235	1,546	1,709

State	Other Disappearance During April 2/		Number On Feed May 1		2002/2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousand Head				
Arizona	3	2	308	304	99
California	10	3	435	480	110
Colorado	10	15	1,170	1,080	92
Iowa	1	1	380	385	101
Kansas	35	25	2,380	2,270	95
Nebraska	5	10	2,250	2,170	96
Texas	10	15	2,640	2,700	102
Seven-State Total	74	71	9,563	9,389	98

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2001	March 2002	April 15, 2002	April 2001	March 2002	April 15, 2002
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	128.00	125.00	119.00	99.00	91.40	99.90
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	130.00	126.00	121.00	105.00	98.80	106.00
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	47.80	36.00	30.50
Cows 2/	Cwt.	41.50	40.50	38.50	43.30	41.60	40.50
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	79.50	73.00	70.00	79.60	74.30	71.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	99.50	93.50	87.00	112.00	104.00	102.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	31.50	31.00	---	36.90	34.40	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	78.00	63.00	---	84.30	66.30	---
Milk Cows 4/	Head	1,480.00	---	1,900.00	1,400.00	---	1,710.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	13.76	11.50	11.40	14.60	12.70	12.50

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Pacific Region 2/		United States	
		April 2001	April 15, 2002	April 2001	April 15, 2002
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	16.00	17.20	13.40	14.40
Bran	Cwt.	17.30	17.80	13.40	13.60
Corn Meal	Cwt.	11.30	10.10	7.59	8.06
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	20.50	21.20	15.70	15.80
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	185.00	202.00	184.00	190.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	22.40	20.40	13.40	13.50

1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes and method of sale.

2/ Includes California, Oregon and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2002 totaled 232 thousand tons. This is 12 percent of the December 1 stocks and 29 percent above May 1, 2001.

United States May 1 stocks of hay on farms totaled 22.5 million tons. This was 20 percent of the December 1 stocks and 7 percent above May 1 of the previous year.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	1999	2000	2001	2000	2001	2002
	1,000 Tons					
California	2,285	1,954	1,961	381	180	232
Arizona	184	250	223	27	33	28
Nevada	867	801	776	290	112	111
Oregon	2,245	1,766	1,901	128	241	183
Utah	1,540	1,150	1,470	320	200	210
UNITED STATES	108,922	105,582	110,510	28,817	21,106	22,494

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2002 totaled 112.1 million pounds (dressed weight), up 8 percent from last month and 27 percent above April 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,290 pounds; calves 145 pounds; and hogs 234 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in April, up 11 percent from the 3.51 billion pounds produced in April 2001 and a new record-high for April.

April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 13 percent above the previous year and a new record-high for April. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 9 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 1,227 pounds, up 41 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.1 million pounds, 6 percent above April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82.0 thousand head, up 10 percent from April 2001. The average live weight was 327 pounds, down 13 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.67 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year and a new record-high for April. Hog kill totaled 8.43 million head, 8 percent above April 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.1 million pounds, was down 5 percent from April 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 278.3 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January - April red meat production was 15.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand Head		Thousand Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	81.8	106.4	103,769	137,271	1,269	1,290
U.S. Total	2,714.0	2,948.0	3,218,029	3,618,324	1,186	1,227
CALVES						
California	7.6	9.6	1,196	1,394	157	145
U.S. Total	74.3	82.0	25,254	26,790	340	327
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S. Total	290.8	278.3	40,613	38,352	140	138
HOGS						
California	185.6	195.1	41,502	45,619	224	234
U.S. Total	7,837.4	8,427.6	2,073,307	2,253,829	265	267
RED MEAT	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	Apr. 02 Apr. 01	Apr. 02 Mar. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	87.9	104.1	112.1	127	108	
U.S. Total	3,507.5	3,676.8	3,901.9	111	106	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.